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In re: Aiken, Jr. *et al.*
 Serial No.: 09/862,968
 Filed: May 22, 2001

For: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
PORT ASSIGNMENTS OF MULTIPLE APPLICATION INSTANCES USING
THE SAME SOURCE IP ADDRESS**

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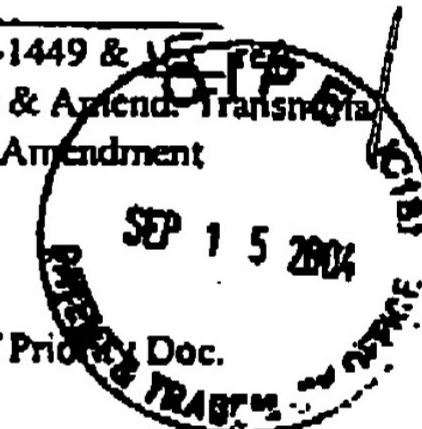
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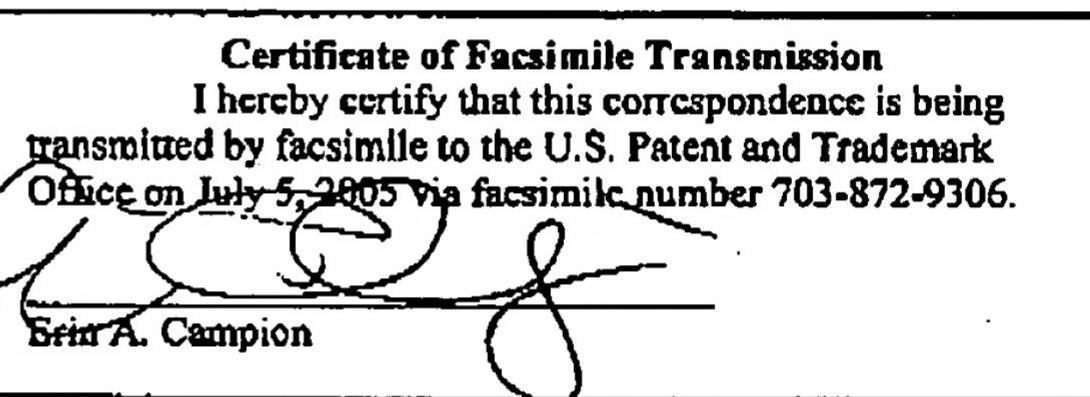
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2005.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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